



CLONED ANIMAL POLICY

Policy Statement:

2 Sisters Food Group do not accept meat from cloned animals or their 1st generation offspring into the products they produce.

Scope:

All poultry (chicken) killed in U.K. 2SFG slaughter plants.

Background:

Our strict livestock procurement policy prohibits the procurement of animals which have been cloned. We work proactively with our producers to ensure that every effort is made to prevent the food from the offspring of clones entering the food chain.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has indicated that the marketing of meat and milk from the progeny of clones is legal, however the marketing of meat from cloned animals themselves is illegal. Foods produced from cloned animals fall under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 (the 'Novel Foods Regulation'). This means that meat, milk or eggs from cloned animals would be subjected to a safety evaluation and approved by all European Union (EU) member states as a novel food before they could be marketed legally. The Food Standards Agency is the UK body responsible for the assessment of novel foods and it will not assess the safety of using cloned animals and their offspring in the food chain unless it is asked to do so.

The Agency is aware that the use of cloned animals in the food chain has been examined by the authorities in the US, which announced in January 2008 that edible products from cloned cattle, pigs and goats are as safe as their conventional counterparts. As a result, some US producers could start to use cloned animals or, more likely, the offspring of cloned animals. A question about cloning is therefore included in producer audits to ensure that they are excluded from the supply chain.

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